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Memorandum

Date: November 4, 2008
To: ACTAC
From: Beth Walukas, Manager of Planning
Diane Stark, Senior Transportation Planner
Subject: Second Cycle Lifeline Transportation Fund: Draft Program

Action Requested

ACTAC is requested to recommend that the Board approve the attached draft Second Cycle Lifeline Transportation Fund program. The program includes projects totaling approximately \$12.5 million and addresses issues identified at the October 30, 2008 Board meeting as well as subsequent comments received from the City of Berkeley.

Next Steps

Present recommended program of projects to the CMA Board for approval at its December 11, 2008 meeting.

Discussion

Modifications were made to the draft Second Cycle Lifeline Transportation Fund program based on input from the Committees and the Board at the October 2008 meetings and fund estimate reductions received as a result of the recently approved State budget. In addition, the City of Berkeley communicated concerns about the selection process. Through discussion with City of Berkeley staff, recommendations will be made to improve the selection process for future funding cycles.

Summary of Changes to the Draft Program:

1. The fund estimate was reduced from \$12.577 million to \$12.467 million, a net reduction of \$89,855. Staff was notified in mid-October that the program would have \$102,692 less in Tier 1 STA funds and \$12,837 more in Tier 2 Proposition 1B funds. These amounts were removed from and added to Project #8 BART: Environmental Justice Access to BART. The BART project is not harmed by this change because the original recommended funding for this project inadvertently

included the required 20% match. The proposed draft program reflects a fully funded project component.

2. The Board suggested that alternate ways of funding Project #6: Neighborhood Bicycle Centers be considered, such as the Waste Management District's programs or sources dedicated to bicycle and pedestrian projects. Finding funding from other sources would free up a portion of the Lifeline program budget for other projects, including Project #9: LAVTA's Civic Center Busway and Stops. Staff contacted the Waste Management Agency and found that it funds capital projects to reduce the waste stream that are between \$15,000 and \$50,000. They do not provide funding for operations. In addition, Cycle of Change has received funds from Waste Management Agency, so it is not likely that they can receive additional funds from this source. ACTIA is another fund source for the Neighborhood Bicycle Program. Applications are due by December 17, 2008 and the program of projects will be finalized in April 2009, after the Lifeline Transportation Fund has been programmed. While the project is eligible for this fund source, it is not guaranteed that it would receive funding.
3. At its October 30, 2008 meeting, the Board requested that staff investigate options to fund Project #9: LAVTA WHEELS Route 14 Civic Center Busway and Stops. Staff is looking at exchange options to accommodate the project that do not take away from other projects that are recommended for funding in the draft program. This proposal may involve funds in the 2010 STIP, which will be programmed in August 2009.

Responses to the City of Berkeley Concerns:

The City of Berkeley communicated concerns about the selection process and how the criteria were applied given the information provided by project sponsors in the applications. They were particularly concerned about how the cost effectiveness and demand criteria were applied for projects that were not able quantify these measures. They also felt that highest priority should be given to projects that were prioritized in Community Based Transportation Plans, the Welfare to Work Plan, or the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan.

Based on the outcome of discussions with City of Berkeley staff, staff recommends that before the next Lifeline Transportation Fund Call for Projects ACTAC review the criteria to identify a more quantifiable measure of demand and cost effectiveness, determine the appropriateness of the weighting assigned to each of the criteria, and discuss ways to ensure that the highest priority projects identified in the Community Based Transportation or other plans are being implemented.

Second Cycle Lifeline Transportation Fund: Draft Program

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			Funding Requested			Source of Proposed Lifeline Funding				Funding Recommendation			
						Tier 1 - (Spring '09)		Tier 2 - (Spring '10)					
						\$6,405		\$6,063					
Project Rank	Sponsor	Project/Program & Description -scope recommended for funding	Operations	Capital	Total Funding Request	STA (\$5.618M)	JARC (\$.787M)	STA (\$3.223M)	Prop. 1B (\$2.840M)	Operations	Capital	Total Recommendation	Notes
Recommended Projects													
1	San Leandro Transportation Management Organization	San Leandro LINKS Shuttle: Service from San Leandro BART to employment & family services in W. San Leandro.	\$ 405	\$ -	\$ 405	\$ -	\$ 405	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 405		\$ 405	
2	BART/Oakland Public Library, West Oakland Branch	A Quicker, Safer Trip to the Library to Promote Literacy: Continued shuttle service for Oakland pre-school and schoolchildren, teachers and parents to the W. Oakland Library.	\$ 219	\$ -	\$ 219	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 219	\$ -	\$ 219		\$ 219	
3	Alameda County	Meekland Avenue Transit Access Improvements: Bus access improvements on Meekland Avenue including sidewalk, ADA ramp, bulbouts and lighting.	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500		\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
4	Alameda County	Hacienda Ave Transit Access Improvements: Bus access improvements, including sidewalks and high visibility pedestrian crossings on Hacienda Ave between Hathaway Ave and Hesperian Blvd.	\$ -	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160		\$ 160	\$ 160	
5	AC Transit	AC Transit Existing Service Preservation in Communities of Concern: Continue existing services on Lines 63, 47, 40, 40, 91, 93, serving Alameda, Oakland, San Leandro, Ashland, Cherryland, San Leandro, and South Hayward.	\$ 8,499	\$ -	\$ 8,499	\$ 5,027	\$ -	\$ 2,778	\$ -	\$ 7,805		\$ 7,805	
6	East Bay Bicycle Coalition/Cycle of Change	Neighborhood Bicycle Centers: Bike distribution and education programs in Oakland and Alameda	\$ 471	\$ -	\$ 471	\$ -	\$ 314	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 314		\$ 314	1
7	LAVTA	WHEELS Route 14 Service Provision: Continue service from residential Livermore to downtown business areas and regional transit at Livermore Transit Center.	\$ 321	\$ -	\$ 321	\$ 89	\$ 67	\$ 165	\$ -	\$ 321		\$ 321	2
8	BART	Environmental Justice Access to BART: Tier 1: Install secure bike parking at Ashby & bike maintenance program at Berkeley & Fruitvale stations. Tier 2: Install secure bike parking at N. Berkeley & Berkeley stations.	\$ 54	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,254	\$ 502	\$ -	\$ 61	\$ 180	\$ 54	\$ 689	\$ 743	3
Projects not Recommended													
9	LAVTA	WHEELS Route 14 Civic Center Busway & Stops: Construct turnaround busway and two bus stops with shelters and benches at Civic Center, adjacent to houses, employment and social services.	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	4
10	BART	BART Feeder Service: Fund BART's subsidizing of local feeder bus service to BART stations.	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	
11	LAVTA	WHEELS Route 14 Expansion Services: Expansion of Route 14 to Livermore Civic Center and Las Positas College.	\$ 1,018	\$ -	\$ 1,018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	
12	Oakland	7th Street West Oakland Transit Village: Streetscape, pedestrian, bike and transit access improvements near W. Oakland BART station.	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	
13	AC Transit	AC Transit Bus Replacement: Funding for the prioritized bus replacements for FY 07/08 and 08/09 .	\$ -	\$ 2,827	\$ 2,827	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	
14	LAVTA	LAVTA Rapid Weekend Service: New weekend service for Rt 10 Bus Rapid Transit.	\$ 541	\$ -	\$ 541	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	
Total Requested			\$ 4,559	\$ 9,637	\$ 24,165	Total Recommendation				\$ 9,118	\$ 3,349	\$ 12,467	

Notes

1. Recommendation funds first two years of the three year request.
2. Total of \$156K in Tier 1 funds request for FY 09/10. \$67.5K JARC portion approved by CMA Board on 9/25.
3. Tier 1 funds bike facilities at Ashby & bike maintenance program. Tier 2 portion funds Berkeley and N. Berkeley bike facilities.
4. Staff is exploring options for funding this project through an exchange and/or STIP funding.

Modal Split of Funding Recommendation

Mode	Operations	Capital	Total	%
Bicycle	\$ 368	\$ 689	\$ 1,057	8%
Transit Operations	\$ 8,750	\$ -	\$ 8,750	70%
Transit Access	NA	\$ 2,660	\$ 2,660	21%
Total	\$ 9,118	\$ 3,349	\$ 12,467	100%